

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

No! You should have your hearing tested at some time to determine what type of hearing loss you have and to be certain it is not due to some type of obstruction. If you have neural hearing loss due to aging, you do not need retests.

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

Audiologists charge outrageous prices for hearing aids. I have tried them and they were not one bit better nor more reliable than mail order. And, if repairs were needed, the aids were mailed away just as ~~old~~ with the mail order type

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment? *NO. But see above. It is judicious to have your hearing checked occasionally.*

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

YES

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